



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

Technology Can be A Good Thing: Last week Officer Jason Vertefeulle took a report of a stolen car, and the owner had left his cell phone in the car. Later that day, the owner reported he had used his stolen phone GPS app to locate the cell at an address in the Olalla area. Officer Vertefeulle went to the address with the Sheriff's Office to locate the vehicle. They found four people standing next to two vehicles in the driveway. One of the vehicles was a stolen vehicle from the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction, but the car we were looking for was not there. While the Deputy spoke with the four people, Officer Vertefeulle dialed the number for the stolen cell phone. It started ringing on the ground by one of the suspects. The four suspects got the "uh-oh" look on their face as it had obviously been tossed when the officers arrived. Along with Detective Elton, we were able to get the suspect to admit to stealing the vehicle, and we located the stolen vehicle at a second location.

[Click here](#) for the press release for the pursuit and apprehension of a "High Five" offender last week. He decided staying out of jail was more important than the safety of his 5 year old child, but despite that, officers used good judgment and got him safely into custody.

Speaking of our High Five list, [click here](#) for this week's version. You will see some new faces because the majority of people on the last list were arrested. Great job!

We received this note last week about Officer Jacob Switzer:

Chief Strachan, Wednesday about 10:30 I spotted a police car at Albertsons. As I was looking inside, the officer arrived. I asked about the car, equipment, his job and such, and he explained everything. He was extremely polite, looked every bit of a Class A patrol officer. I was impressed and glad the he was here to serve and protect our city of Bremerton. You and your team are doing a fine job, thank you!

We also received this card last week, from a person involved in a traffic crash that was sent about Officer J.D. Miller:

I want you to know how much your kindness meant to me. I was so shaken and feeling terrible about what happened. Having you there was wonderful and sure helped calm me down. I know sometimes you must get tired of accidents and people involved but I want you to know that you're caring and support means more than you can know. Thank you for being the wonderful man you are and for being there for me.

And finally, this note for Officer Chris Faidley:

Officer Faidley: You arrested me last month for false reporting. I just got the report and I need to apologize for being a complete moron and insulting you. No matter what the court decides, I was just mad at my roommate and took it out on you, and ended up wasting the police department's time with my drunken foolishness. Because of this incident I am asking to get back into treatment and I am back in AA. Thank you for being a professional.

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